IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE THIRTY FIRST DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

HON'BLE SRI DEVINDER GUPTA, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and
HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M.NARAYANA REDDY

Taken up WRIT PETITION No.11889 of 2002

Between:

The Newspaper report published in 'Eenadu'
Telugu daily newspaper dt.13-6-2002 at page 8 under the caption
"S.I.YEDUTE DALITUNI CHAVABADINA FACTIONISTU"

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The S.H.O., Darnipadu Police Station
Darnipadu Kurnool Dist
2 The SI of Police Darnipadu P.S
Darnipadu Kurnool Dist
3 The CI of Police Koilakuntla Circle
Kolikuntla Kurnool Dist
4 The Superintendent of Police
Kurnool Kurnool Dist
5 The Director General of Police Govr. of A.P
Hyderabad
6 The Secretary to Govt. of A.P Home (Police) Dept,
Secretariat Hyderabad

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an order, direction, or a writ, more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus calling for remarks and records from the respondents herein in and connected to the News report for atrocities on Dalits committed by a factionist in front of SI of Darnipadu village, Kurnool district, where a powerful factionist leader came to the police station and beat the father of Dalit coolie woman in front of the SI for directly complaining the police and pass appropriate orders directing the concerned authorities to take action against the accused for committing atrocities on S.Cs and S.Ts in the interest of public and to pass such other order or further orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Taken up Writ Petition

Counsel for the Respondents : GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following :

ORAL ORDER: (Per Hon'ble the Chief Justice)

News-item, which appeared in 'Eenadu' telugu daily on 13th June, 2002, was directed to be taken up as writ petition. On registration of writ petition, notice was directed to be issued. News-item highlighted the fact of atrocities on a Dalit committed by factionist in front of Sub-Inspector of Police, Darnipadu Police Station, Kurnool district. It is stated therein that a powerful factionist leader came to the Police Station and beat the Dalit in front of the Sub-Inspector of Police for directly complaining about the atrocities committed by a road romeo, ignoring him.

The Superintendent of Police, Kurnool, submitted a report that on enquiry, it was revealed that such incident had not happened as reported in the newspaper, and the telugu daily had utterly published false report with hypothesis. In the said

news-item neither the name of factionist, the name of Dalit woman nor the name of the constable who protested the highhandedness of the factionist was mentioned. Therefore the matter was further got probed into. The report says that as a result of further investigation, it was revealed that G.Pullanna sought protection from eight persons of W.Kothapalle village, who stood as surety and they had taken away most of the property of G.Pullanna in adjustment of the loan. Thereafter, G.Pullanna had sent a petition to the Superintendent of Police, Kurnool, for help. Thus, it was reported that the property was taken away in adjustment of the loan and there was no outraging of modesty of Dalit woman in the presence of Sub-Inspector of Police.

In view of the report of the Superintendent of Police, Kurnool, received on 22nd July, 2002, no direction deserves to be issued and the writ petition stands closed.

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DEVINDER GUPTA, C.J.

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M.NARAYANA REDDY, J

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